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THE ARREST OF E. M. FIELD.

The course adopted in the case of Edward M. Field is preternaturally a proper one. He has been taken by detectives from the private asylum to which he had retreated as an insane patient. He will be brought into court under charges of grand larceny. His sanity or insanity will be decided by proper and public methods, under the law, so that there may be no incompleteness of disturbing mystery about the case.

As matters stood, all was wrong. If Mr. Field is really insane, the suspicion with which many people, officials and others, regarded him did him an injustice which the court proceedings will settle. If he has simply simulated insanity, he will now be exposed as he should be.

But, in any event, the circumstance of his being able, after he had run his course in the street, to get himself committed to a private insane asylum without appearance in court or under any form of arrest was one full of menace to the community. It set open a way by which any sharp criminal of such standing as Mr. Field could evade the law.

A committee to a private retreat, a period of temporary seclusion while things are "blowing over," an eventual "cure" when the time seems to be auspicious, a quiet slipping away from old scenes unless things have come to be so absolutely favorable that this last step is unnecessary—these would be the simple processes of such a method of evasion. The action taken in Mr. Field's case will decisively close this likely promising avenue of escape.

ONE OFFICIAL EXHAUSTIVE REPORT.

The report of William Bates, United States Commissioner of Navigation, has been referred back to him for rewriting and condensation. Mr. Bates evolved about 40,000 words for his document, whereas the President only found it necessary to use about 10,000 for his entire message.

The Commission went driving into past and future, commented upon Great Britain's policy, enlarged upon personal theories and successfully hid most of the legitimate matters of his report in a mass of irrelevant verbiage.

It is evident that the training to be acquired in the office of a real newspaper would be of eminent service to Mr. Bates. He might profitably consult the columns of THE EVENING WORLD for examples of condemnation and the pertinent treatment of topics.

A patient has died at the Keeley Institute at Hot Springs after one injection of bi-chloride. Doctors and a Coroner's jury said lung congestion killed him. His friends, however, will go to the courts. They are not satisfied with the fact that, at least, the patient has escaped the possibility of death from alcoholism.

France and Bulgaria break away because the latter country won't take back a banished French correspondent. It would be a new and startling tribute to the power of the press if this "newspaper man" incident should after all prove to be the match to set the European powder magazine afire.

THE WORLD presented more exclusive news from Washington this morning. Mr. Holman, "watch dog of the Treasury" as he has been called, is to head the House Appropriations Committee. There should be prompt investigation of these horrors, which the North Woods have been too enough to hitherto conceal.

In Pittsburg yesterday Senator Quay said he would not be a candidate for re-election. Also in Pittsburg yesterday the same Senator said he might consider before electing on. A heavy responsibility is here placed on circumstances.

The Government is to have photographs taken of all Chinamen arrested for unlawful entry into the United States from Canada. A surprise over the number of Celestial twins in existence is in store for the man who makes the pictures.

McKinley must go. The outraged public will not swallow any excuse of the "witnesses-against-Europe" type for any transgression of justice in his case.

Perhaps G. V. McKinley, as one of the vicars, regrets that he neglected to place his own influence on the prohibitory duty list.

President Polk's Luck.

(From the Cincinnati Times)

The only Speaker of the House who ever gave President James K. Polk, and fortunately for him, he filled the position without making a National reputation.

Poor Children Look to the Christmas Fund for a Slice of Happiness.

Do What You Can to Lighten the Little Ones' Hearts.

Nell Nelson Tells of a Call from Two Tiny Waifs.

Letters containing contributions of money should be addressed to Cashier Bernheimer & Schmidt.

All parcels, post cards, containing descriptions of toys, dolls, books or other articles should be addressed to the Manager, "Evening World's" Christmas Tree, 74 FIFTH AVENUE.

The American, United States, National and Western Express Companies will convey all packages of 25 pounds weight and under addressed as above free of charge.

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